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Re the Application of:

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BETWEEN FABRICS OR OTHER
MATERIALS"

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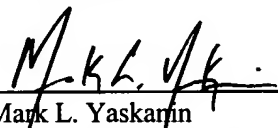
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	6,721,999	4/20/04	Meager	24	399	
	2	6,394,299	5/28/02	Hupp	220	315	
	3	6,385,818	5/14/02	Savicki, Sr.	24	30.5	
	4	6,305,844	10/23/01	Bois	383	64	
	5	6,185,796	2/13/01	Ausnit	24	30.5	
	6	6,059,457	5/9/00	Sprehe et al.	383	63	
	7	6,033,113	3/7/00	Anderson	383	63	
	8	5,991,980	11/30/99	Meager	24	400	
	9	5,919,535	7/6/99	Dobreski et al.	428	35.2	
	10	5,867,875	2/9/99	Beck et al.	24	400	
	11	5,809,621	9/22/98	McCree et al.	24	399	
	12	5,722,128	3/3/98	Toney et al.	24	400	
	13	5,664,299	9/9/97	Porchia et al.	24	400	
	14	5,636,415	6/10/97	James	24	399	
	15	5,599,415	2/4/97	Tomic et al.	156	159	
	16	5,438,744	8/8/95	Horikawa et al.	29	408	
	17	5,283,932	2/8/94	Richardson et al.	24	400	
	18	5,253,395	10/19/93	Yano	24	387	
	19	5,161,286	11/10/92	Herrington Jr., et al.	24	387	
	20	5,152,613	10/6/92	Herrington, Jr.	383	63	
	21	5,070,583	12/10/91	Herrington	24	400	
	22	5,067,208	11/26/91	Herrington Jr., et al.	24	400	

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	24	5,010,627	4/30/91	Herrington, et al.	24	400	
-	25	5,007,143	4/16/91	Herrington	24	400	
	26	5,007,142	4/16/91	Herrington	24	400	
	27	4,941,238	7/17/90	Clark	24	437	
	28	4,905,694	3/6/90	Will	606	217	
	29	4,890,935	1/2/90	Ausnit et al.	383	59	
	30	4,756,061	7/12/88	Jones et al.	24	433	
	31	4,262,395	4/21/81	Kosky	24	201	
	32	4,199,845	4/29/80	Ausnit	24	291	
	33	4,137,608	2/6/79	Moertel	24	205.11	
	34	4,112,150	9/5/78	Brown et al.	427	284	
	35	3,959,856	6/1/76	Ausnit	24	201	
	36	3,914,827	10/28/75	Brown et al.	24	205	
	37	3,660,875	5/9/72	Gutman	24	201	
	38	3,591,914	7/13/71	Heimberger	29	408	
	39	3,579,747	5/25/71	Hawley	24	201	
	40	3,490,109	1/20/70	Heimberger	24	205.1	
	41	3,426,396	2/11/68	Laquerre	24	201	
	42	3,338,285	8/29/67	Jaster	150	3	
	43	3,325,084	6/13/67	Ausnit	229	77	
	44	3,309,746	3/21/67	Carlile	24	205.11	
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.	48	2,978,769	4/11/61	Harrah	24	201	
	49	2,909,822	10/27/59	Botti et al.	24	201	
	50	2,889,605	6/9/59	Morin	24	205	
	51	2,871,539	2/3/59	Swan	24	201	
	52	2,869,207	1/20/59	Bernstein	24	201	
	53	2,794,227	6/4/57	Dorman	24	201	
	54	2,777,181	1/15/57	Morner	24	201	
	55	2,696,032	12/7/54	Sander	24	201	
	56	2,665,467	1/12/54	Bosomworth et al.	24	201	
	57	2,652,611	9/22/53	Jaster	24	201	
	58	2,491,524	12/20/49	Siple	24	207	
	59	2,355,816	8/15/44	Mörner	24	206	
	60	2,353,858	7/18/44	Tedesco	24	206	
	61	2,263,481	11/18/41	Austin	24	434	
	62	2,217,571	10/8/40	Süsskind	24	205	
	63	1,959,318	5/15/34	Sundback	24	205	
	64	1,887,741	11/15/32	Trotter			
	65	1,719,856	7/9/29	Sipe	24	400	
	66	1,706,097	3/19/29	Aud			
	67	1,703,712	2/26/29	Aud	383	64	

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	69	EP 676 330	10/11/95	EPO				
	70	* WO 02/087379	11/7/2002	PCT	A44B	19/16		
	71	* WO 99/09854	3/4/1999	PCT	A44B	19/00		

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	72	* Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report or the Declaration dated August 5, 2002 for International Patent Application No. PCT/US02/13558
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